

Boating Inquiries

● Boating Safety, Boat Traffic Control (Boating Restriction Regulations) call:
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

(416) 965-3238

● Licensing, Change of Ownership, Payment of Sales Tax on Boats, call:
Canada Customs

(416) 973-8022

● Boating Safety Equipment Requirements, Life Jacket Standards call:
Canadian Coast Guard

(416) 831-2300

● Boating Accidents, Speeding Violations, Dangerous Boat Driving, call your local police or O.P.P. detachment
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● Pumpout Information call:
Ontario Ministry of the Environment

(416) 424-3000

● Trent-Severn System Information call:

(705) 742-9267

● Rideau Canal System Information call:

(613) 283-5170

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Water Wisdom



As a boat operator you're responsible for your craft while it's on the water. Power-driven boats should always give the right of way to sailboats, canoes, rowboats and other manually-powered craft. Owners of these unpowered boats should also be on the alert, especially when steering through narrow navigational channels.

If you watch where you're going, you'll avoid the risk of colliding with another craft.

Above all, use your common sense. Develop a

knowledge of the rules and regulations that apply to your boat and the waters in which you are operating it.

If you want to hone your navigational skills, many boating courses are offered throughout Ontario. Contact one of the boating organizations listed in this brochure. That way, you'll be a better boater.

Lighten Your Load

It pays to be a weight-watcher. Losing weight helps boats too. Too much weight — caused by too many people, too much gear or too large a motor — can capsize or sink even the most seaworthy craft.



Organizations Offering Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Boating Federation

4597 Kingston Road
Suite 203
Scarborough, Ontario M1E 2P3

Tel: (416) 281-1534

A home study course is offered for \$30.00. A mini course for youth, canoeists, anglers and hunters is available for \$15.00.

Royal Life Saving Society Canada

Ontario Branch
43 Coldwater Road
North York, Ontario M3B 1Y8

Tel: (416) 447-7276

A "Boat Rescue Course" is offered throughout the year through the Ministry of Education, the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A. and municipal recreation departments.

Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

Swimming and small craft safety courses are offered throughout the province. Contact your local "Y".

Canadian Red Cross

Ontario Division
460 Jarvis Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2H5

Tel: (416) 923-6692

Water Safety, Swimming, Survival and Small Craft courses are offered year round throughout the province. In addition the Small Craft Mobile Teams bring short courses, clinics and demonstrations directly to the public upon request.

Canadian Yachting Association

333 River Road
Vanier, Ontario K1L 8H9

Tel: (613) 748-5687

"Learn to Sail" courses are offered through various sailing clubs and schools. These courses are a combination of classroom theory and on the water training and are geared to safety training.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons

28 Golden Gale Court
Scarborough, Ontario M1P 3A5

Tel: (416) 293-2438

A boating course is offered over a 20 week period from Sept. to March, both as a home study course or in the classroom. This course is a membership prerequisite, offered in various locations throughout the province. It covers a variety of topics from boat handling and navigation to boating safety. In addition the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons offer public courses, one of which is geared primarily to youngsters.

Ontario Safety League

82 Peter Street
Toronto, Ontario M5V 2G5

Tel: (416) 593-2670

A "Safe Canoeing Course" is offered in July and August in Algonquin Park. This is a one day course with a demonstration in the morning followed by a practice session in the afternoon.

Ontario Sailing Association

1220 Sheppard Ave. East
Willowdale, Ontario M2K 2X1

Tel: (416) 495-4240

Numerous courses such as Boardsailing, Dinghy Sailing, Cruising and Sailing for Disabled Persons are offered in various locations. Mobile safety clinics and the Boardsailing Safety Patrol travel province-wide. OSA follows standards set by the Canadian Yachting Association.

Canadian Waterski Association

333 River Road
Vanier, Ontario K1L 8H9

Tel: (613) 746-0060

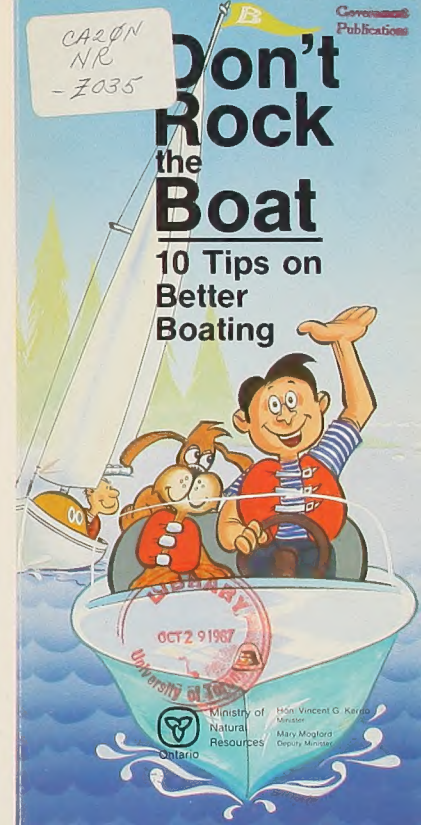
Instructors are certified by the CWA for the instruction of waterskiing and safe boat handling techniques at camps and waterski clinics in the province.

Canoe Ontario

1220 Sheppard Ave. East
Willowdale, Ontario M2K 2X1

Tel: (416) 495-4180

The Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association has developed a skills program to provide all canoeists with a safe and practical progression of canoeing skills.



Boats 'n Booze

Boats and alcoholic drinks don't mix. Most people know enough not to drink and drive a car. But they may forget that the same rule applies to operating a boat. If you're operating a boat, make yours a dry voyage.



Rock 'n Roll

Rock the boat and it could roll over. Move gingerly. Sit down and enjoy the ride.



Weather Wise

Keep a weather-eye open for sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes, and choppy water. All these could mean a storm could be brewing. Static on your portable radio could also indicate a storm's in the offing — and, while you're listening, don't forget to tune into the weather reports.



Swim for Safety

Everyone — passengers and boat operators alike — should know how to swim. It's never too late to learn. Many community centres and schools throughout Ontario offer lessons. Swimming is fun, and it could save your life or that of a friend or loved one.



Reckless Riders

"Playing cowboy" on the bow of a moving boat is just as dangerous as riding on the hood of a moving car, especially without wearing a lifejacket or PFD — yet many people do it. If the boat bounced suddenly, the bow rider could be tossed into the water and drown, be run over or slashed by the propellor. Play it safe: Keep your seat on the seat of the boat.



The Big Chill

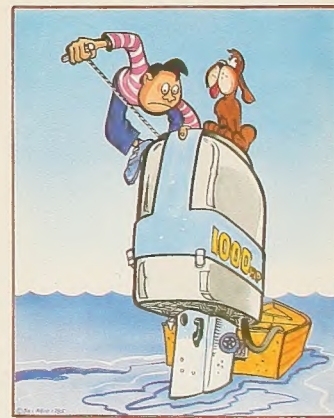
Hypothermia is caused by exposure to air or water temperatures cooler than body temperature. It can be avoided when you know the danger signs.

Shivering is the most common sign of hypothermia. But some victims' bodies don't react to cold and they can't shiver, perhaps because they are taking certain medicines or have consumed a quantity of alcohol. Other signs of hypothermia are slurred speech, stumbling, confusion, weakness, fatigue, drowsiness, weak pulse, shallow breathing, and even loss of consciousness.

In the early stages of hypothermia keep the victim as warm and dry as possible. Reach shore quickly, and if necessary, call a doctor or ambulance right away.



Power Hungry



Like some people, some boats are power hungry. Too much power makes a boat unstable, and it could capsize on a turn. Powering a boat with a motor too large for the boat's capacity is not only unsafe, but can create problems with respect to insurance coverage in the event of an accident.

Every pleasure craft, five metres (16.4 feet) long or under, equipped with an outboard motor or motors totalling 10 horsepower or more, must carry a plate issued by the Department of Transport stating the maximum horsepower recommended for that boat. Newer boats have such capacity plates affixed — and with good reason. Exceeding the registered capacity of a boat is dangerous. So — when you get one of those overpowering urges: control it.

Flip 'n Float

Experienced boaters are prepared for emergencies. A big wave or sudden squall could flip your boat — and you — into the water. Before starting out, don a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) — for safety's sake.



Lifejackets are designed to turn **unconscious** persons face-up in the water and keep them afloat. PFDs may not turn persons face-up, but will keep them afloat. In 80 per cent of all accidental boating deaths the victim was not wearing or did not have access to a lifejacket or PFD.

By law, every boat must be equipped with a Department of Transport approved lifejacket or PFD for every person on board.